

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/654,279	MOMIN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to February 7, 2005.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-27, renumbered as claims 1-14, respectively.
3.  The drawings filed on 03 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/663,289.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

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5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Reid Willis on March 9, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

### **SPECIFICATION**

Page 7, line 3. The following was inserted:

### **--DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1. Graph showing the anti Hepatitis B total immunoglobulin titres at three time points (after priming and after each of two booster vaccinations) induced by a vaccine consisting of RTS, S antigen adjuvanted with the oil in water emulsion SB60, in combination with 3D-MPL and QS21.

FIGS. 2A-2D. Graphs showing the anti Hepatitis B IgG1, IgG2a and IgG2b titres at three time points (after priming and after each of two booster vaccinations) induced by a vaccine consisting of RTS, S antigen adjuvanted with the oil in water emulsion SB26, in combination with 3D-MPL and QS21.

FIGS. 3A-3B. Graphs showing the anti lipoprotein-OspA immunoglobulin titres at two time points (7 days after priming and 7 days after a booster vaccination) induced by vaccines consisting of RTS, S antigen adjuvanted with either the oil in water emulsion SB60, in combination with 3D-MPL and QS21, or adjuvanted with aluminum hydroxide.

FIGS. 4A-4B. Graphs showing the anti lipoprotein-OspA IgG2a titres at three time points (7 days after priming and 7 days after a booster vaccination) induced by a vaccine consisting of RTS, S antigen adjuvanted with the oil in water emulsion SB60, in combination with 3D-MPL and QS21.--

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Navarro whose telephone number is (571) 272-0861.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynette Smith can be reached on (571) 272-0864. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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